(c) what steps are being/have been taken to improve our relationship with Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) India attaches the highest importance to its relations with Bangladesh. There has been a regular exchange of high level visits and meetings in recent times. During these meetings, India has reaffirmed its commitment to further strengthen bilateral relations for the mutual benefit of the peoples of both our countries and to resolve all outstanding issues through dialogue.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Proposal of NPCIL

404. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared, in principle, four nuclear plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details of nuclear plants cleared by Government;

(c) the expected power that the four proposed nuclear plants are going to add to the nuclear power capacity of the country;

(d) whether any time-frame has been given to the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited to submit its proposals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has accorded in-principle clearance for four sites for setting up additional nuclear power plants. These sites are Kudankulam-Tamil Nadu, Kakrapar-Gujarat, Rawatbhata-Rajasthan and Jaitapur-Maharashtra.

(c) The sites cleared are for a cumulative capacity addition of 6,800 MWe.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.